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Dear Elver license holder:

Last legislative session, a law was passed authorizing the Temporary Medical Transfer of Elver Quota. Your entire quota may be transferred on an annual basis to another licensed elver harvester, provided that the following information is submitted to the Department of Marine Resources:

1. The 2016 Elver Medical Transfer Form (attached). This form needs to be completed by your physician.
2. Documentation of having harvested elvers during the prior fishing season (e.g. landings slips, etc.)
3. Identification of the elver license holder to which you wish to transfer your entire quota for the 2016 fishing season.

All documentation MUST be received by the Department PRIOR to March 1st.

Please Note: The law requires you to provide the Commissioner with documentation from a Physician, which the Department has determined is either a Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) or a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.). Documentation from any other office personnel will not be accepted. Once we have received all of the documents listed above we will review your transfer request.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at 624-6576.

Sincerely,

Deirdre Gilbert

Deirdre Gilbert
Director, State Marine Policy

Request for Temporary Medical Transfer of 2016 Elver Quota

_____ has applied to the Commissioner of the Maine Department of Marine
(Applicant's name)
Resources for a temporary medical transfer of their 2016 elver quota under M.R.S.A. Title 12 §6575-L.

§ 6575-L. Temporary medical transfer

The commissioner may authorize a temporary medical transfer of the elver individual fishing quota allocated to a person under section 6505-A in accordance with this section. The holder of an elver fishing license who requests a temporary medical transfer under this section must maintain a valid elver fishing license during the duration of the temporary medical transfer.

1. Temporary medical transfer requested prior to March 1st. Notwithstanding section 6505-A, subsection 3-A, the commissioner may authorize a temporary medical transfer that permits the holder of an elver fishing license issued under section 6505-A to transfer the entire annual quota allocated to that person to another person holding an elver fishing licence issued under section 6505-A if the following criteria are met:

- A. The transferor reported elver landings in the prior fishing year;
- B. The transferor is unable to fish the quota allocated to the transferor because the transferor has experienced a substantial illness or medical condition. The transferor shall provide the commissioner with documentation from a physician describing the substantial illness or medical condition; and
- C. The transferor requests a temporary medical transfer in writing before March 1st of the fishing year for which it is being requested, except that the commissioner may adopt rules that provide a method for authorizing a temporary medical transfer requested after March 1st to address emergency medical conditions.

I, _____, verify that _____ is
(Physician's name) (Applicant's name)
unable to fish for elvers during the 2016 season (March 22nd to May 31st) due to a substantial illness or medical condition.

Medical Reason/Description:

Date of Onset of Medical Illness/Condition:

Physician Signature: _____ Printed Name: _____

Date: _____ Physician Address: _____

If you have further questions, please contact the Department of Marine Resources, 21 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333 (207) 624-6553.